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Flooding imminent in the lower basin of Missouri River

KANSAS CITY, Mo.— The Kansas City District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' reach of the Missouri River, which extends from Rulo, Neb., to the Mississippi River, will experience flood stages similar to 2010 levels, possibly greater, and cautions communities and levee districts along the river to prepare for floodfight and for possible evacuation.

The upper Missouri River and main stem lakes are seeing a flood of record proportions, and in June they plan to start releasing 150,000 cfs flow from Gavin's Point Dam into the lower Missouri River system. The previous record release level was 70,000 cfs. The flooding is being caused by 140 percent of normal snowmelt runoff into the lakes, along with record spring precipitation on top of that, essentially filling up the flood storage in the Missouri River lakes and necessitating record releases. The high releases are expected to last all summer and into the fall and winter.

The Kansas City District urges the public to stay in contact with their state and local emergency management agencies for periodic updates as the situation changes.

Interested public can follow us on our website and through social media (see below) for timely updates.

For additional information, please contact the Kansas City District Emergency Operations Center at (816) 426-6320.

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